

FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have great pleasure in presenting to you the Annual Report of your Port Medical Officer of Health for the year ended December 31st, 1962.

This is made in accordance with the regulations of the Ministry of Health which prescribe the requirements of Port Health Medical Officers.

From the Port Medical Officer's report of a year's work has accrued. During the year I have for the purpose of

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ANNUAL REPORT

of

THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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FALMOUTH AND TRURO PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

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An average of 21 vessels have been left in the Port of Falmouth throughout the year and these are periodically inspected.

I have had no complaints from your Health Inspector.

There has been very little evidence of a serious outbreak on the vessels in the Harbour and Dock.

The following details are in tabulated form and represent the work carried out by the Port Medical Officer of Health.

My I express my appreciation to the Falmouth and Truro Port Health Authority for their co-operation of your Health Inspector, Mr. Roberts, and his appointment to continue in office.

There is a happy co-operative state prevailing in all Departments, H.M. Customs, Agents and Harbour by whom I express my thanks for their continued help and co-operation.

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Your obedient servant,

A. SMITH DICK



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The number of Deratting Certificates and Exemptions totalled 76, 73 being Exemption Certificates.

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I. STAFF
TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment	Qualifications	Any other appointments held.
D. HALL	Clerk	21 February, 1952.	-	Deputy Town Clerk, Falmouth.
J.W.MORTON	Treasurer	28 December, 1951.	-	Manager, Lloyds Bank, Falmouth.
A.C.DICK	Port Medical Officer of Health	2 February, 1945	M.R.C.S.Eng. L.R.C.P.Lond.	-
H.R.T.DEVLIN	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1 April, 1955	M.B., B.Ch., Dublin.	-
F.JACKETT	Port Health Inspector	1 October, 1940.	Cert.R.San.I.	

Address and telephone number of)
the Medical Officer of Health) 17 Boscawen Road, Falmouth.
Tel.Falmouth 226.

Address and telephone number of
the Medical Officer of Health

17 Rossmore Road, Walsworth.
Tel. Walsworth 231.

W. JACKSON	Port Health Inspector Officer of Health	1 October, 1940.	Gen. R. Sen, J. Dublin.	
H. R. T. BOWEN	Deputy Port Medical Officer of Health	1 April, 1932	M. B. B. Ch., L. R. C. P. Lond.	
A. C. DICK	Port Medical Officer	5 February, 1942	M. R. C. S. Eng.	
A. W. MORTON	Treasurer	25 December, 1931.	-	Manager, Lloyds Bank, Walsworth.
D. PALE	Clerk	21 February, 1932.	-	Deputy Town Clerk, Walsworth.
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TABLE A
I. STAFF

II. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT
DURING THE YEAR

Ships from	Number	Tonnage	Number Inspected		Number of ships reported as having, or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board.
			By the Medical Officer of Health	By the Port Health Inspector	
Foreign Ports	246	981,417	49	176	2
Coastwise	500	1,198,652	14	391	-
Total	746	2,180,069	63	567	2

II. AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT

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III. CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE

DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	(Number of passengers INWARDS	Nil
	(Number of passengers OUTWARDS	Nil
Cargo Traffic	(Principal IMPORTS	General cargo, including food produce, coal, cement, timber, oil and petroleum spirit.
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	(Principal EXPORTS	None.

PRINCIPAL PORTS from which ships arrive :-

Amsterdam, Antwerp, Curacao, Cherbourg, Dieppe, Flushing, Gibraltar, Hamburg, Men-a-Ahmadi, Rotterdam, Rouen.

Approximately 75% of vessels arrive from Scandinavian, Continental and United Kingdom Ports for Dry Docking after discharging cargo abroad.

IV. INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no Barge traffic in the Port.

V. WATER SUPPLY

No Change.

VI. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS

REGULATIONS) 1952

No Change.

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VI. PUBLIC HEALTH (1952)

REGULATIONS 1952

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VII. SMALLPOX

All cases or suspected cases of smallpox may be sent to Lee Mill Hospital, Near Ivybridge, Devon.

Ambulances for the transport of such cases would be supplied by the Cornwall County Council who are also responsible for the vaccinal state of the ambulance crew.

The smallpox consultants available are -

Dr.D.F.Johnstone,
The Scott Isolation Hospital,
Plymouth.

(Tel.Plymouth 51437 & Home 73896).

Dr.W.A.Lister,
10 The Crescent,
Plymouth.

(Tel. Plymouth 61875 & Home Devonport 51040)

Specimens for laboratory diagnosis would be sent to The Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9. (Tel.Colindale 7041).

VIII. VENEREAL DISEASE

No Change.

IX. CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS
DISEASES ON SHIPS

TABLE D

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	(Malignant	-	5	2
	(Tertian Malaria. (Pulmonary T.B.	-	1	1
Cases which have Occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	-	-	-	-
Cases landed from other ships	-	-	-	-

X. OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF
MALARIA IN SHIPS

Five cases of malaria have occurred during the year. Four were from one vessel from Mombasa, one of which proved fatal, and one case was from a vessel 15 days out from Nigeria and Fernando Po.

XI. MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED
WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAQUE

No ships infected with or suspected for plaque have arrived during the past year.

XII. MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS
FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Procedure for inspection of ships for rats

Vessels are boarded by the Port Health Inspector as soon as possible after arrival, and unless the Masters produce recently issued certificates, inspections are extended to the holds, etc. in order to ascertain the rat population. Where indications of rat infestation are found traps are set and poison baits are laid, and in cases where the deratting certificate has expired and indications of rodent infestation are found, the vessel is ordered to be fumigated.

Arrangements for the Bacteriological or
Pathological Examination of Rodents

Arrangements have been made for the bacteriological and pathological examination of rodents at the Royal Infirmary, Pathological Department, Truro.

No rodents have been sent for examination during the year.

Arrangements for deratting ships and methods used

Deratting of ships is normally carried out entirely by fumigation by hydrogen cyanide. The work is carried out by a commercial contractor, Fumigation Services Ltd. of London.

Progress in the rat-proofing of ships

Vessels are found to be largely rat-proof.

TABLE E

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR
IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black rats	-
Brown rats	42
Sent for examination	-
Infected with plague	-



TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED
DURING THE YEAR FOR SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Number of Deratting Certificates issued				Number of Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued	Total Certificates Issued
After fumigation with		After trapping	After poisoning	Total	
HCN	Other fumigant (State method)				
1	2	3	4	5	6
1	2 (Rodenticide "1080")	-	-	3	73

XIII. INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G
INSPECTION AND NOTICES

Nature and Number of inspections		Notices Served		Result of serving notices
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
General Inspections	567	Nil	94	All notices complied with.
Re-visits	1,198	Nil	-	-
Total	1,765	Nil	94	-

XIV. PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELL-FISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

Samples of Oysters were obtained from the main suppliers to the Market, namely :-

Messrs. Helford Oyster Fisheries.
Messrs. H. Johns, Flushing.
Messrs. Gunn, Coombe, Truro.
Messrs. Baker, Coombe, Truro.

These were examined by the Public Health Pathologist, Royal Cornwall Infirmary and were pronounced 100% clean and fit for human consumption. They were also examined for any radio-active contamination and were found completely free.

XV. MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS

Medical Inspectors of Aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants holding Warrants of Appointment

Dr. Albert Cecil Dick, Port Medical Officer of Health.

Other Staff

None.

Organisation of Work and Nature and Amount of Alien Traffic

Falmouth is an approved Port under the Aliens Order for the landing of aliens but there is little or no aliens traffic



in the Port. In the event, however, of aliens arriving arrangements would be made for medical inspection to be carried out on board. It has not been thought necessary to make any special arrangements for providing accommodation for medical inspection and examination ashore.

XVI. MISCELLANEOUS

No Change.



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Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1962.

SHIP INSPECTION

During the year 567 vessels were inspected and 94 of them were found to have nuisances or defects on board. It was not necessary to serve any statutory notices with regard to these vessels. Verbal and informal notices were given as a result of which all the nuisances and defects were remedied. 1,198 re-visits were made to vessels in connection with nuisances and defects, rat destruction and vessels from infected areas.

As shown in Table B 176 Ships from Foreign Ports were inspected and 391 Ships from Coastwise Ports, making a total of 567.

Nuisances and Defects

These consisted mainly of dirt, vermin and other conditions, and structural defects caused through wear and tear, defective heating apparatus, foul, dirty and defective water closets and fittings, choked scuppers, dirty clothes lockers and dirty messrooms and wash places.

Dirt, Vermin and other conditions prejudicial to health

This type of nuisance and other conditions prejudicial to health is rare. The number of vessels dealt with during the year on account of dirty conditions of crew's accommodation was fewer than that for the previous year.

The disinfestation of verminous vessels was carried out with pressure spraying of liquid insecticides and also by applying resin lacquer. Many shipping companies have now adopted this latter method of vermin control.

During the year 14 vessels were dealt with.



Structural Defects caused through wear and tear

Defective water closets and fittings and ports were responsible for the greater number of this type of defect and many of these conditions were caused by misuse and lack of attention. Other defects dealt with were defective showers, heating apparatus, wash-basins and fittings, water heaters, ventilators, leaky deck heads, bunks and fittings.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) (Vessels) Regulations, 1958

These regulations came into operation on the 1st June, 1958, and specify the permitted times for smoke emission from the various types of vessels.

The attention of the Masters and Engineers of vessels arriving at the Port is directed to the requirements of the regulations.

36 observations were made during the year of the smoke emission from 16 British and 20 Foreign vessels. In each case the emission was within the prescribed limits.

RAT DESTRUCTION

All sheds, quays and wharves are periodically visited and inspected and immediate measures are taken when fresh evidence of rats is seen or their presence reported. Poison baits are laid by the Docks Rodent Officer.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS (APPLICATION TO SHIPPING) ORDER, 1951, AND AMENDMENT NO. 2 ORDER, 1951.

In addition to the functions they exercise, in common with other Local Authorities, Port Health Authorities are empowered to issue Rodent Control Certificates. No Certificates were issued during 1962.

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CLEAN AIR ACT, 1926

The Dark Smoke (Permitted Periods) (Vessels) Regulations, 1928

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The attention of the Masters and Engineers of vessels arriving at the Port is directed to the requirements of the regulations.

30 observations were made during the year of the smoke emission from 10 British and 20 foreign vessels. In each case the emission was within the prescribed limits.

HAT INSPECTION

All sheds, quays and wharves are periodically visited and inspected and immediate measures are taken when fresh evidence of rats is seen or their presence reported. Poison baits are laid by the Works Rodent Officer.

THE PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS (AMPLICATION TO SHIPPING) ORDER, 1921, AND AMENDMENT NO. 2 ORDER, 1921.

In addition to the function they exercise, in common with other local authorities, Port Health Authorities are empowered to issue Rodent Control Certificates. No Certificates were issued during 1928.

FOOD INSPECTION

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED FOOD) REGULATIONS,
1937 - 1948

No imported food-stuffs are discharged within the Port Health District. No action necessary.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (PRESERVATIVES ETC.
IN FOOD) REGULATIONS, 1925 - 1958

No action necessary.

THE PUBLIC HEALTH (IMPORTED
MILK) REGULATIONS, 1926

No action necessary.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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